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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Minkow, et al. ) Group Art Unit 3636  
Appl. No. : 09/878,719 )  
Filed : June 11, 2001 )  
For : BICYCLE SADDLE WITH )  
CUTOUT )  
Examiner : Barfield, A. )

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2001, please amend the application  
as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 19-24 and add the following new claims 25-26.

25. An ergonomic bicycle saddle, comprising:

a rigid frame defining a front end, a back end, a front half, a back half, a first outer  
side and a second outer side, said frame defining a first support surface at said front end  
of said saddle extending from said first outer side to said second outer side and generally  
widening from front to back;

a resilient padding layer disposed on top of said frame and having a front end, a  
back end, a front half, a back half, a first outer side and a second outer side, said padding  
layer being continuous from said first outer side to said second outer side at said front end  
of said padding layer, and defining an upper surface;